

**CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM**

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Greenways Advisory Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> June 5, 2002
<b>NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY:</b> Robin Madel, 303-441-4073
<b>NAMES OF MEMBERS, COUNCIL, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:</b>  <b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b> – Gil Barth, Linda Jourgensen, Simon Mole, Krista Holland, Ed von Bleichert, Janice Buswell Lopitz, Macon Cowles  <b>STAFF</b> – Annie Noble, Betty Solek, Nancy Steinberger, Douglas Sullivan, Cate Bradley, Robin Madel, secretary
<b>WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (BOLD ONE)</b> <b>[REGULAR]</b> <b>[SPECIAL]</b> <b>[QUASI-JUDICIAL]</b>
<b>Agenda Item 1 – Tour of Goose Creek Phase III and IV construction.</b>  <u>Douglas Sullivan</u> led the group on a tour of the Goose Creek construction area. Sullivan reviewed the background for the floodplain work along Goose Creek and discussed current and future construction under Phases III and IV of the project. Sullivan and Nancy Steinberger discussed removal of weeds and planting of native vegetation along the new multi-use path.
<b>Agenda Item 2 – Tour of the Elmer’s Twomile Park project.</b>  <u>Cate Bradley</u> led the group on a tour of the Elmer’s Twomile park project. Bradley discussed the work being done using Greenways funding and the work being done by the Parks and Recreation Department. She also discussed the Iris underpass that will be constructed next year using Transportation Improvement Project funding from DRCOG.
<b>Agenda Item 3 – Call to Order</b>  The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. The GAC and staff members introduced themselves and their respective boards and departments.
<b>Agenda Item 4 – Meeting minutes from October 17, 2001 and January 16, 2002.</b>  <u>Linda Jourgenson</u> motioned to approve the minutes from October 17, 2001. <u>Macon Cowles</u> seconded the motion. <b>The vote was 4-0. Three of the existing GAC members were either not present at that meeting or were not yet GAC members.</b>  <u>Linda Jourgenson</u> motioned to approve the minutes from January 16, 2002. <u>Ed von Bleichert</u> seconded the motion. <b>The vote was 4-0. Three of the existing GAC members were either not present at that meeting or were not yet GAC members.</b>
<b>Agenda Item 5 – General Citizen Participation</b> There was none. <b>General Citizen Participation was closed.</b>
<b>Agenda Item 6 – Public hearing and GAC consideration of approval on the Flood Protection Levee Reconstruction and Improvements along Bear Canyon Creek from Foothills Parkway to Arapahoe Avenue Community and Environmental Assessment Process (CEAP) (Nancy Steinberger).</b> <u>Nancy Steinberger</u> presented the project. Steinberger said that the project had been presented to the

neighborhood surrounded the proposed construction area, to the Water Resources Advisory Board and to the Open Space Board of Trustees. The information has also been provided to all other boards associated with the GAC. Steinberger provided brief details of the construction and the project funding.

#### **Citizen Participation**

There was none.

**Citizen Participation was closed.**

#### **GAC Questions**

GAC questions covered specifics about vegetation. Also discussed was coordination with the Arapahoe Transportation Network Plan and bike path connections. The proposal includes a dirt bike path along the top of the levee.

**Linda Jourgenson motioned to approve the Food Protection Levee CEAP as written.**

**Simon Mole seconded the motion.**

Ed von Bleichert asked for some clarification in the text about whether chemicals would be used to control weeds.

**Macon Cowles motioned to amend the motion by striking the line in the text about chemical use in the project as it pertains to the project and not to maintenance.**

**Simon Mole seconded the motion.**

Ed von Bleichert asked about bird population studies. Nancy Steinberger said that there was not a bird point count within the project area.

Annie Noble discussed the Greenways portion of the CEAP funding. Noble said that the funding only covers habitat restoration but the vote covers the entire CEAP and not just the Greenways funding portion.

**The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.**

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Public hearing and GAC recommendation to Planning Board and City Council on the 2003-2008 Greenways Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Annie Noble).**

Annie Noble reviewed the projects covered under the Greenways CIP. She also discussed the funding sources and the \$150K maintenance budget that will be reviewed after 2 years. Noble discussed possible cuts by the transportation department to the Greenways budget. The transportation staff made recommendations for potential cuts and Noble made suggestions for where she thought the cuts were appropriate. The committee discussed what cuts they thought were appropriate and what actions were appropriate to ensure that the Greenways program is funded properly.

There was considerable discussion regarding the habitat maintenance program and the work that has been completed so far. Nancy Steinberger discussed the progress that has been made and evidence of the progress she has collected.

**Simon Mole motioned to approve the Greenways CIP.**

**Janice Buswell-Lopitz seconded the motion.**

**The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.**

Gil Barth left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

#### **Agenda Item 8 –**

##### **A. Matters from the Staff**

- Annie Noble discussed the Greenways Design Guidelines. The staff is just beginning the process of updating the guidelines and will ask the GAC members for input when they are ready to accept it.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Annie Noble</u> gave an update about the Skunk Creek project. She said that the staff is negotiating with the owners of Basemar Shopping Center to finalize the project.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Matters from the Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Simon Mole</u> asked the committee if they wanted to make a statement or a motion about potential Greenways program budget cuts and whether those should be horizontal versus vertical cuts and which programs the committee would rather see cut. They decided that they want to be notified right away if the transportation staff has to cut their portion of the Greenways program. They also felt that because the program is funded through multiple programs, it would be appropriate to make a strong statement that all the programs support keeping the Greenways budget in tact.  <u>Simon Mole</u> made a motion that the Greenways Advisory Committee, coming as it does from a number of constituents in the city, finds that the work of the Greenways program is very important. The GAC supports the CIP as submitted. For any request by city administrators for budget cuts, the GAC would like to be informed right away.  <u>Ed von Bleichert</u> seconded the motion.  Annie Noble said that it might be better to let the appropriate staff members discuss proposed budget cuts and reach a consensus before approaching the GAC.  <u>Simon Mole</u> withdrew his motion. The GAC agreed to let it be a staff driven process.  <u>Simon Mole</u> made a motion to acknowledge that the GAC, as a multi-constituent board, strongly supports the Greenways program and feels it should be exempted from citywide budget cuts.  <u>Linda Jourgenson</u> seconded.  The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion. Gil Barth did not vote because he had left.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Agenda</b></p> <p>The GAC discussed touring the flood levee that Nancy Steinberger presented as part of the next meeting. The proposed date for the next meeting is the first Wednesday in September.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>TBA</p>